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**LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Monday, November 30, 2015**

**6:00 pm**

**(PD&T to Follow)**

**Room 161, UW Extension**

**1150 Bellevue Street**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON  
ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 19, 2015.

**Comments from the Public**

1. Budget Status Financial Report for October, 2015.
2. Departmental Openings Summary.
3. Director's Report.
4. Presentation by Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Natural Resources Planner, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission. (Presentation will include Bay Beach Restoration Action Plan completed in June, 2015, Phragmites management project in Brown County and EAB management efforts).

**Other**

5. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
6. Adjourn.

Norb Dantine, Jr., Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular & budget meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, October 19, 2015 in Room 161, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**Present:** Chairman Dantine, Supervisors Bernie Erickson, Tom Sieber, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr and Mr. Dan De Grave

**Also Present:** Mike Mushinski, John Bechle, Supervisors Lund, Kaye, Robinson and other interested parties.

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**I. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Norb Dantine at 5:00 pm

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to move Item 3 to be taken before the budget review portion of the agenda. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/Modify Minutes of September 28, 2015.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Comments from the Public.** None.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

**REVIEW OF 2016 DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

**1. Land and Water Conservation – Review of 2016 department budget.**

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski referred to Page 213 of the budget book where the top three initiatives of the Land and Water Conservation Department are outlined. These initiatives relate to the Lower East River Watershed, Plum-Kankapot Creeks and Pike Restoration Project.

With regard to the Lower East River Watershed, Mushinski reported that this will be a big priority and Brown County will collaborate closely with the Fox - Wolf Watershed Alliance in achieving federal requirements in order to reduce sediment and phosphorous run off while improving water quality in the lower East River watershed. This will open up clean water act funding.

Mushinski also noted that with regard to the Plum-Kankapot Creek project, they already have an EPA approved 9 key element plan and they will be starting implementation in 2016. There will be one staff person devoted to this project. Mushinski stated that a lot of data monitoring will be happening and the effects of the conservation will be able to be seen as practices are applied. This project will also advance Water Quality Trading in the Lower Fox River Watershed in order to ensure the permanency of the practices installed and create a funding mechanism for future projects in the watershed.

Mushinski continued that with regard to the pike restoration project, they have been working on the west shore and the NRDA settlement will provide an opportunity to work on the East River tributaries which will be a unique experience.

With regard to revenues, Mushinski noted that the department met the levy target of \$414,000. In addition, the federal revenue is up and they have a contribution agreement with NRCS to fund .75 of a staff person to work on restoration projects. Mushinski also noted that the state revenue is down a little bit.

Mushinski noted that under the staffing summary, the agronomist technician for the project manager west shore was put in a \$20.00 per hour, but the wage for this person will be \$24.91. He also noted that there is a change in the rates and fees schedule and he provided a copy of the new schedule, a copy of which is attached. The biggest change is with regard to animal waste storage system fees. He noted that it is easier to use millions of gallons on farms instead of animal units so they went to millions of gallons listings. They also added a waste system permit of \$500 and further the abandonment costs changed a little bit. There have also been changes in the feed lot permits in an attempt to be more equitable to smaller landowners.

Landwehr referred to Page 337 of the budget book where one agronomist is being added but half of a project manager is being deleted and asked if the additional agronomist is county funded or if it is funded by an outside source. Mushinski answered that the one open position for an agronomist is for the Plum - Kankapot project and is funded by an outside source. If the funding stream for this was to be eliminated, the position would be eliminated as well. Mushinski stated that it was originally thought this would be a five year project but because of issues with the grant it has been changed to a 3 ½ year project.

With regard to the change in wages discussed earlier, Director of Administration Chad Weininger stated that the choices would be not to make the change in the budget and have the additional costs absorbed by the department or make the change and increase wages by \$6,173 and give additional levy. It was then noted that the half position is 100% funded and Weininger responded that then wages should be increased by \$6,173 and inter-governmental revenue should be increased by the same amount.

**Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to increase the project manager West Shore salary and benefits by \$6,173 and increase inter-governmental revenues by \$6,173. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve the Land Conservation department budget as amended and forward to the full County Board. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Non-Budget Items**

#### **2. Open Positions Report.**

Mushinski provided the departmental openings summary to the Subcommittee, a copy of which is attached, and indicated that the agronomist position listed is the Plum-Kankapot position discussed earlier and he anticipates hiring for this position in mid-2016.

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Dan De Grave to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **3. Variance Request by Diederich Farm LLC to build an Animal Waste Storage facility within 250 ft of an adjoining property line. (Maps and consent letter to be provided at time of meeting.)**

*Although shown in the proper format here, this Item was taken prior to Item 1.*

Mike Mushinski provided copies of the consent letter and map to the Subcommittee, copies of which are attached. He stated that the map shows the location of the proposed animal waste storage facility as well as well setbacks of 100' feet and 250'. These are the two well code separations used for design and planning purposes. The property line is also shown and the line in question would be the south property line that is approximately 145'. There is a light ring on the map that shows the approximate location of the new storage structure which is a round tank 145' from the property line. Mushinski continued that the ordinance has a provision that they be 250' from the property line and this is a variance request to go within that 250'.

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The other item provided is a copy of the letter that is given to the adjoining property owners and indicates that they are aware of the planned storage facility and do not have any objections or comments.

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Dan De Grave to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dantinne explained that the next step in the process is for this to go before the full County Board at their meeting on November 4, 2015.

**4. Directors Report.**

Mushinski reported that they had a demo farm field day on September 30 which was attended by 100 people. He also noted that they hosted Congressman Reid Ribble and Senator Tammy Baldwin on October 12 and he was happy that interest was shown regarding the progress being made. Mushinski noted that a team in Ohio is attempting to duplicate demo farms and are using Brown County as their guidelines and Mushinski will be hosing several people from Ohio in the next week to show them around.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Other**

**5. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

**6. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein  
Recording Secretary

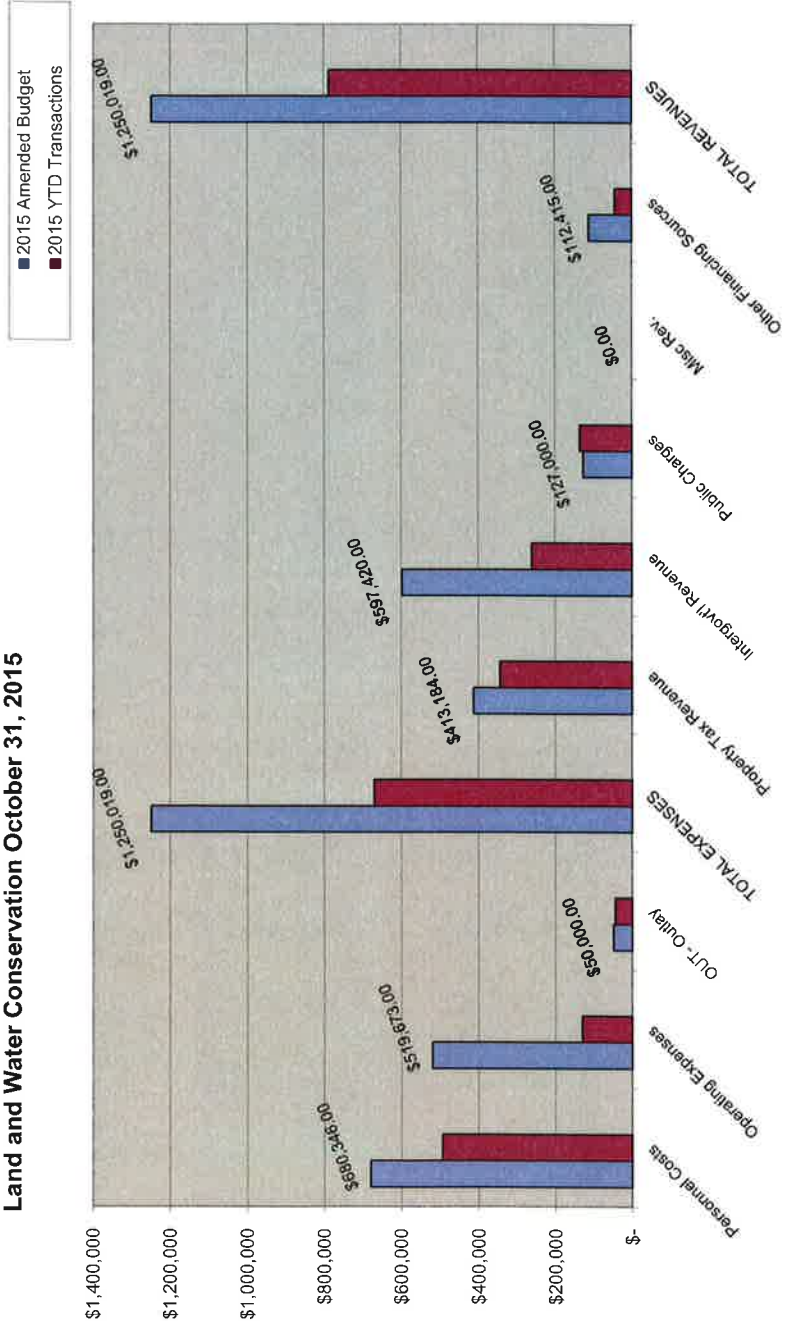
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**Brown County Land & Water Conservation**  
**Budget Status Report (unaudited)**  
 October 31, 2015

	<u>2015 Amended</u>	<u>2015 YTD</u>		<u>2014 Amended</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transactions</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transactions</u>
Personnel Costs	\$680,346.00	\$494,281.97	Personnel Costs	\$676,179.00	\$438,348.18
Operating Expenses	\$519,673.00	\$131,265.31	Operating Expenses	\$241,965.00	\$136,676.82
OUT - Outlay	\$50,000.00	\$45,574.00	OUT - Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,250,019.00</b>	<b>\$671,121.28</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$918,144.00</b>	<b>\$575,025.00</b>
Property Tax Revenue	\$413,184.00	\$344,320.00	Property Tax Revenue	\$408,858.00	\$340,715.00
Intergov't Revenue	\$597,420.00	\$261,919.63	Intergov't Revenue	\$372,746.00	\$218,005.32
Public Charges	\$127,000.00	\$136,484.64	Public Charges	\$131,700.00	\$133,121.95
Misc Rev.	\$0.00	\$393.96	Misc Rev.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources	\$112,415.00	\$44,686.50	Other Financing Sources	\$4,840.00	\$3,586.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,250,019.00</b>	<b>\$787,804.73</b>	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$918,144.00</b>	<b>\$695,428.27</b>

**Land and Water Conservation October 31, 2015**



**Departmental Openings Summary**  
**To: Land Conservation Committee**  
**From: Land & Water Conservation Department**

1-Nov-15

Position	Vacancy Date	Reason for Leaving	Fill or Hold	Unfilled Reason
Agronomist	Current	N/A	hold	grant funding not 100%

Ex: Transfer, Wage, Working Conditions